Statement

State-wise Details of existing ravine lands in the country

Sl. No.	State	Ravine Lands (in lakh Hectares)
1.	Uttar Pradesh	12.30
2.	Madhya Pradesh	6.83
3.	Rajasthan	4.52
4.	Gujarat	4.00
5.	Bihar	6.00
6.	Maharashtra	0.20
7.	Orissa	1.13
8.	Punjab & Haryana	1.20
9.	Tamil Nadu	0.60
10.	West Bengal	1.04
11.	Himalyas Foothills	1.93
	TOTAL :	39.75

Death of people due to air pollution

†1996. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that more than fifty thousand persons lose their lives due to air pollution in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) No conclusive data is available to establish co-relationship between the mortality and air pollution. The Government has adopted strategies for control of air pollution which include comprehensive policy for abatement of pollution, supply of improved auto-fuel including CNG, tightening of vehicular and

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industrial emission norms, mandatory environment clearance for specified industries, promotion of cleaner technologies, setting up of net-work of air quality monitoring stations, assessment of pollution load & source apportionment studies, preparation and implementation of action plans for major cities and critically polluted areas.

Deal with United States

1997. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have signed a wildlife deal with the US Government; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is due to the fact that Government are under fire on so called erosion of population of tigers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No deal as such has been signed on wildlife with the US Government. However, India has conveyed its consent to join the global Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking (CAWT) through which it will collaborate in the fight against illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife parts. In addition, the India-US Joint Statement issued on March 2, 2006 also welcomed the opportunity to strengthen long pending work on the conservation of wildlife through cooperation on park management and ecotourism.

(b) No, Madam. These partnerships are envisaged to be taken up for more effective tackling of wildlife issues on a multilateral basis through improved sharing of information and networking.

Sources of pollution in Ganga

†1998. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have detected the sources polluting the water of river Ganga;

(b) if so, the details regarding the said sources;

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